

Wednesday, June 23, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House committees ordered reported 10 sundry measures.

House passed H.R. 2084, Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7483–S7550

Measures Introduced: Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1267–1272, and S. Res. 126–127. Pages S7526–27

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 918, to authorize the Small Business Administration to provide financial and business development assistance to military reservists' small business, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–84) Page S7526

Measures Passed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag/Daily Session of the Senate: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 113, to amend the Standing Rules of the Senate to require that the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States be recited at the commencement of the daily session of the Senate, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S7541–42

Smith (of N.H.)/McConnell Amendment No. 733, to provide for a designated Senator to lead the Senate from the dais in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

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Treatment of Religious Minorities in Iran: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 39, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the treatment of religious minorities in the Islamic Republic of Iran, and particularly the recent arrests of members of that country's Jewish community, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Schumer Amendment No. 734, to make certain clarifying amendments. Page S7542

Appreciation of the Work of Mildred Winter: Senate agreed to S. Res. 126, expressing the sense of the Senate that appreciation be shown for the extraordinary work of Mildred Winter as a Missouri teacher and leader in creating the Parents as Teachers program on the occasion that Mildred Winter steps down as Executive Director of such program. Pages S7542–43

Return of Official Papers: Senate agreed to S. Res. 127, to direct the Secretary of the Senate to request the return of certain papers. Page S7543

Fuels Regulatory Relief Act: Senate passed S. 880, to amend the Clean Air Act to remove flammable fuels from the list of substances with respect to which reporting and other activities are required under the risk management plan program, after agreeing to a committee amendment, and the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S7543–49

Grassley (for Chafee) Amendment No. 735 (to the reported committee amendment), to provide for controlled public access to off-site consequence analysis information. Pages S7544–45

Agricultural Appropriations, FY2000—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of S. 1233, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, on Thursday, June 24, 1999.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

A message from the President of the United States transmitting, the 1997 Annual Report of the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission; referred to

the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (PM-39).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

William J. Ranier, of New Mexico, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

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Irasema Garza, of Maryland, to be Director of the Women's Bureau, Department of Labor.

T. Michael Kerr, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

Routine lists in the Army, Marine Corps, and Navy.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:28 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 24, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7549.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine the findings and recommendations of the Special Investigative Panel of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board to reorganize Department of Energy National Security Programs in response to espionage threats, after receiving testimony from Senators Kyl and Domenici; William B. Richardson, Secretary of Energy; Adm. Henry G. Chiles, Jr., USN, Ret. former Commander-in-Chief, United States Strategic Command;

and Sidney D. Drell, Member, President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Export Administration Act, receiving testimony from William A. Reinsch, Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration; John Hamre, Deputy Secretary of Defense; James Schroeder, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; Rose Gottemoeller, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Nonproliferation and National Security; and John Barker, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Nonproliferation Controls.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 383, to establish a national policy of basic consumer fair treatment for airline passengers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 97, to require the installation and use by schools and libraries of a technology for filtering or blocking material on the Internet on computers with Internet access to be eligible to receive or retain universal service assistance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 798, to promote electronic commerce by encouraging and facilitating the use of encryption in interstate commerce consistent with the protection of national security;

S. 761, to regulate interstate commerce by electronic means by permitting and encouraging the continued expansion of electronic commerce through the operation of free market forces, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 800, to promote and enhance public safety through the use of 9-1-1 as the universal emergency assistance number, further deployment of wireless 9-1-1 service, support of States in upgrading 9-1-1 capabilities and related functions, encouragement of construction and operation of seamless, ubiquitous, and reliable networks for personal wireless services, with amendments;

S. 655, to establish nationally uniform requirements regarding the titling and registration of salvage, nonrepairable, and rebuilt vehicles;

S. 1248, to correct errors in the authorizations of certain programs administered by the National Highway Traffic Administration;

S. 937, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for certain maritime programs of the